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Office of Drug Control Policy Co-Sponsors Black Youth in Action

Educational Trip Teaches Impact of Drugs on Society

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy and the Harford County Health Department teamed up to sponsor an educational trip to the Target America Exhibit at the Maryland Science Center for the group Black Youth in Action (BYA).

Target America: Opening Eyes to the Damage Drugs Cause is an exhibit from the Drug Enforcement Administration Museum with content specific to Maryland. Despite the fact that the vast majority of Americans are not drug users, we pay for users' lost productivity, their health care, criminal justice costs, child welfare costs, and the impact their drug use has on our own health and safety. The exhibit presents a global and historical overview of the many costs and consequences of drugs on society and provides a perspective on how each one of us can make a difference. *Target America* will be at the Maryland Science Center through September 1, 2014.

Visit <http://www.targetamerica.org/> to learn more about this educational traveling exhibit. Black Youth in Action is based in Aberdeen, Maryland. It was organized in the spring of 1972 to promote leadership, talent, love and unity through advocating cultural enrichment; sponsoring numerous community activities; providing educational trips; and giving assistance to those in nursing homes, charitable organizations and the community at large.

For more information about Black Youth in Action, contact Salina Williams at 443-807-1401, or visit <http://blackyouthinactionadults.org/>. The Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) is a division within the Department of Community Services. ODCP provides substance abuse prevention, education, and assistance. If your group is interested in scheduling a presentation or becoming a prevention event partner; or for assistance if you or a loved one is struggling to overcome an addiction, contact the Office of Drug Control Policy at 410-638-3333 or odcp@harfordcountymd.gov.

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